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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
 - (a) selecting an object displayed in an EPG;
 - (b) modifying an attribute associated with the object by an incremental amount for each of a ~~plurality of~~ at least more than two times that the object is selected, wherein modification of the attribute occurs ~~a plurality of~~ at least more than two times in a common direction and each change in the attribute is a change in a visible characteristic of the attribute; and
 - (c) modifying the display of the object in accordance with the modified attribute.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the attribute is a color that is darkened or lightened.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the attribute is a shape.

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4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the attribute is a 3-D position.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the modified attribute is overwritten with a default attribute when an expiration value limit is reached.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the expiration value limit is a time limit.
7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the expiration value limit is related to frequency of object selection.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the object is a channel selection field.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the object is a programming time slot field.

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10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the object is a programming event information field.
11. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
 - a first unit for selection of an object displayed in an EPG;
 - a second unit to modify an attribute associated with an object by an incremental amount for each of ~~a plurality of~~ at least more than two times that the object is selected, wherein modification of the attribute occurs a ~~plurality at least more than two~~ of times in a common direction and each change in the attribute is a change in a visible characteristic of the attribute; and
 - a third unit to modify the display of the object in accordance with the modified attribute.
12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the attribute is a color that is darkened or lightened.
13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the attribute is a shape that is modified.

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14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the attribute is a 3-D position.
15. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the modified attribute is overwritten with a default attribute when an expiration value limit is reached.
16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the expiration value limit is a time limit.
17. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the expiration value limit is related to frequency of object selection.
18. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the object is a channel selection field.
19. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the object is a programming time slot field.

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20. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the object is a programming event information field.
21. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage medium embodying a sequence of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for modifying display information, the method comprising:
 - (a) an object displayed in an EPG;
 - (b) modifying an attribute associated with the object by an incremental amount for each of a ~~plurality of~~ at least more than two times that the object is selected, wherein modification of the attribute occurs a ~~plurality of~~ at least more than two times in a common direction and each change in the attribute is a change in a visible characteristic of the attribute; and
 - (c) modifying the display of the object in accordance with the modified attribute.
22. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the attribute is a color that is darkened or lightened.

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23. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the attribute is a shape that is modified.
24. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the attribute is a 3-D position.
25. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the modified attribute value is overwritten with a default attribute value when an expiration value limit is reached.
26. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the expiration value limit is a time limit.
27. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the expiration value limit is related to frequency of object selection.
28. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the object is a channel selection field.

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29. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the object is a programming time slot field.
30. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the object is a programming event information field.